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SUBJECT: PLO SEEKING PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO

REF: STATE 80985 (NOTAL)

1. WE DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS AT UNESCO
APRIL 10 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR IO
AFFAIRS (DESELYS) WHO COVERS UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.
DE SELYS SAID THAT EC-9 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO
UNESCO WOULD CONSIDER TUNISIAN PROPOSAL AT PARIS APRIL 14
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UNDER IRISH CHAIRMANSIP. HE POINTED OUT THAT PREVIOUSLY
BELGIUM HAS OPPOSED PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO

SINCE IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A STATE. HE EXPECTED FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SEND BELGIAN PER REP INSTRUCTIONS TO DECLARE GOV OPPOSITION TO TUNISIAN PROPOSAL AT EC-9 MEETING. DEFINITIVE BELGIAN POSITION, HOWEVER, WILL BE AFFECTED BY RESULTS OF THAT MEETING.

2. DE SELYS NOTED THAT BELGIAN DELEGATION TO UNESCO BELIEVES PLO WILL OBTAIN MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS WITH LITTLE PROBLEM. AS FOR EFFECTS IN BELGIUM OF SUCH DEVELOPMENT, DE SELYS SAID THERE WOULD BE FEW, SINCE PLO ALREADY PERMITTED TO SEND OBSERVERS TO UNESCO MEETING. HE DID NOT BELIEVE MAJORITY IN UNESCO COULD BE PERSUADED TO CONFINE ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION TO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS. HE DESPAIRED OVER LACK OF EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ACHIEVE THAT END OR TO HEAD OFF PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO. FIRESTONE

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